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INSTITUTIONS IN PRE-BELGRADE CONTEXT

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1. JUNE 10 IZVESTIYA CARRIES LONG AND UNUSUALLY BITTER ARTICLE
WHICH MANAGES TO ATTACK (IN THE BELGRADE CONTEXT) NEARLY EVERY
HUMAN RIGHTS PROPAGANDA TARGET BELOVED OF SOVIET MEDIA ENTITLED
"POLITICAL HYPOCRISY AND FALSE EXCHANGES", AND AUTHORED BY V.
APARIN AND K. BRYANTSEV, THE
ARTICLE BEGINS BY NOTING THE POOR U.S. RECORD ON INTERNATIONAL
HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTIONS AND FAILURES CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS IN
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THE U.S. IT GOES ON TO RELATE IN DETAIL THE DIFFICULTIES OF TWO
FORMER SOVIET CITIZENS, ONE NOW IN THE U.S., THE OTHER IN CANADA
IN CONTRAST WITH CONDITIONS IN THE USSR.

2. DISCUSSING ANTI-SOVIET ACTIVITIES OF SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AS
THE BNAI-BRITH AND SOKHNUT, THE ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT ANTI-SOVIET
ACTIVITY HAS INCREASED IN THE PRE-BELGRADE PERIOD. COMPLAINING ABOUT

THE BROADCASTS OF WESTERN RADIO STATIONS (BBC, VOA AND DEUTSCHE WELLE ARE LISTED ALONG WITH RFE/RL), AUTHORS CONDEMN THE FORMATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS IN THE WEST WHICH INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN THE USSR. AMONG THOSE PERSONS AND INSTITUTIONS WHO ACTIVITIES ARE ESPECIALLY CRITICIZED ARE: A. SEDYKH, V. MAXIMOV, A. GALICH, NOVOYE RUSSKOYE SLOVO, A. GLASER, AND OF COURSE THE CIA. MENTION OF A BRUSSELS-BASED ORGANIZATION, A GROUP FOR THE OBSERVATION OF THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT WHOSE INITIALS FORM THE ACRONYM KHAIG, ALLOWS THE AUTHORS TO NOTE THAT THIS IS THE SAME NAME AS GENERAL HAIG. THEY TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE ANTI-SOVIET ACTIVITIES OF NATO.

3. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY RELATING IN SOME DETAIL THE CASE OF MR. AND MRS. GREENBERG (REFTEL). WITH PHOTOS DEPICTING MAY 29 SEARCH OF MR. GREENBERG AT SHERMET'YEVO AIRPORT, IT NOTES DARKLY THAT GREENBERG WAS TRYING TO SMUGGLE OUT A PAPER ON NUCLEAR PHYSICS, THAT FILM WAS CONCEALED IN HIS SHOE, THAT MRS. GREENBERG'S PURSE HAD A FALSE BOTTOM, ETC. THE AUTHORS STATE THAT THE GREENBERGS HAD THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF SOVIET CITIZENS "OF INTEREST TO THE AMERICAN SPECIAL SERVICES" AND ADDS THAT SOVIET CUSTOMS OFFICIALS HAVE RECENTLY UNCOVERED SIMILAR CASES.

4. COMMENT: WHILE THERE IS LITTLE NEW IN THE ARTICLE, IT IS EXCEPTIONALLY SHRILL EVEN IN THE PRE-BELGRADE PERIOD. WE ARE STRUCK THAT THE AUTHORS MANAGES TO ATTACK SUCH A BROAD RANGE OF TARGETS: JEWS (IN THE USSR AND ABROAD), THE PROBLEMS OF SOVIET EMIGRANTS, THE ACTIVITIES OF ANTI-SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS, THE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES OF AMERICAN TOURISTS IN THE USSR, AND OF COURSE THE ACTIVITIES OF AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE. ALL THIS WRAPPED IN THE CLOAK OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BELGRADE.

5. WHILE THE TONE OF THE ARTICLE PERHAPS DETRACTS FROM ITS IMPACT ON THE SERIOUS READER, IT IS BLATANTLY ANTI-SEMITIC. MORE INFLAMMATORY THAN MOST RECENT PRESS ARTICLES (THE LIPAVSKIY "REVELATIONS" ASIDE), THE ALLEGATIONS IN THIS ARTICLE SEEM LIKELY TO HAVE A GOOD DEAL OF APPEAL TO SOVIET ANTI-SEMITES.
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